(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of (b) above, the question does not arise.

Contraceptive pill for men

535. SHRI RAJU PARMAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that scientists all over the world have developed a contraceptive pill for men which is said to be 100 per cent effective and free from unpleasant side effects; and

(b) if so, whether the Indian scientists have also developed a similar pill and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) : (a) The Government is aware about the development of the male contraceptive pill developed in different parts of the world, and which is not under clinical testing. However, the male pill is still in research stages and is not yet available.

(b) Indian scientists have not yet developed similar pills. Efforts are going on to develop male contraceptive by Indian scientists.

Government Hospitals

536. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of big and small Government hospitals functioning the country;

(b) the number of persons per hospital provided with medical facility in the country and the average thereof in Uttaranchal; and

(c) the details of the steps likely to be taken to extend the availability of medical facilities during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) As per information available